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1. HAVANA RADIO CHARGES THAT TWO CARGO SHIPS,
OUTWARD BOUND FROM CUBA, ONE CUBAN AND THE OTHER BRITISH,
WERE ATTACKED II SEPT OFF NORTHERN COAST OF CUBA. WE HAVE
INFO THAT AN EXILE GROUP CALLED ALPHA-66 (BASED IN PUERTO
RICO) PROBABLY DID THE JOB. STUDENT EXILE GROUP IN MIAMI
LAST WEEKEND PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO ATTACK BLOC
SHIPS MOVING IN AND OUT OF CUBA. THERE IS GROWING MOOD OF
FRUSTRATION AMONG REFUGEES AND DANGER OF UNILATERAL
OPERATIONS AND INCIDENTS IS LIKEWISE GROWING.

ASSUME YOU NOTING IN PRESS THE SOVIET STATEMENT

ISSUED 11 SEPT MAKING SWEEPING CHARGES THAT US PREPARING!

CUBA INVASION AND WARNING THAT 'IF THIS ATTACK IS MADE, THIS

WILL BE BEGINNING OF UNLEASHING OF WAR." IMPLICATIONS OF

THE 4,000-WORD STATEMENT UNDER STUDY. WILL ADVISE YOU FURTHER

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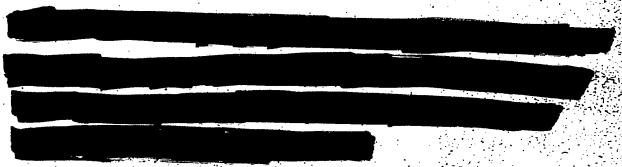
2. REF YOUR REQUEST THAT BNE EXAMINE IMPLICATIONS
OF DEFENSIVE EQUIPMENT. FOLLOWING IS PRELIM BNE STATEMENT:
"WHOLE QUESTION SOV MOTIVATIONS, INCLUDING POSSIBLE
REASONS WHY SOVS MIGHT CONSIDER INSTALLATION MRBMS, BEING
EXAMINED IN SNIE BEING DRAFTED FOR USIB NEXT WEEK. BNE
STILL PERSUADED THAT COSTLY CRASH OPERATION TO INSTALL SA-ZS
IS MORE REASONABLY EXPLAINED BY OTHER THAN DESIRE TO HIDE
LATER BUILDUP AND THAT SOVS LIKELY TO REGARD ADVANTAGES OF
MAJOR OFFENSIVE BUILDUP NOT EQUAL TO DANGERS OF US INTERVENTIO
CUBA LEAKING LIKE SIEVE FROM GROUND OBSERVATION ALONE. THUS
SUDDEN CRACKDOWN ON REFUGEE FLOW AND LEGAL TRAFFIC WOULD
BE STRONG INDICATOR OF POSSIBLE DESIRE TO UNDERTAKE FURTHER

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- 4. AS FIRST STEP IN REDUCING THAI DEPENDENCE ON US,
 THAI CABINET CONSIDERING SIGNING TRADE TREATY WITH SOVIETS.
 MOSCOW TRIED TO OBTAIN TRADE TREATY LAST YEAR BUT THAIS BUT
 SOVIETS OFF. CURRENT SOVIET-THAI TRADE IS NEGLIGIBLE AND THERE
 IS NO FORMAL AGREEMENT. CURRENT THAI EMPHASIS ON 'INDEPENDENCE'
 MAY BE PARTLY FOR PURPOSE OF BUILDING UP THAI BARGAINING POSITION
 IN TALKS WITH MAXWELL TAYLOR, WHO ARRIVES BANGKOK LATER
 THIS WEEK.
- 5. A FIVE-MAN DELEGATION FROM JAPAN RULING LIBERALDEMOCRAT PARTY DEPARTING FOR PEIPING 12 SEPT AT CHICOM
 INVITATION TO EXPLORE TRADE AND AGRICULTURAL AID POSSIBILITIES.

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A SECOND GROUP OF LIBERAL-DEMOCRATS, INCLUDING JAP INDUSTRIAL REPS, PLANS A FOLLOW-UP IN MID-OCTOBER.

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